(b) the States where ISI activities are suspected;

(c) whether Government have ruled out the possibility of even invisible hands of ISI in the Coimbatore bomb blasts in Tamil Nadu;

(d) whether it is true that pro-ISI organisations are active in Tamil Nadu; and

(e) the measures Government have taken/proposed to take to make Tamil Nadu free from terrorists/ISI activitists?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Evidence of Pak ISI sponsored activities has come to notice in Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, North-East region, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi.

(b) Pak ISI has sinister designs on other parts of the country as well. ISI agents are suspected to be active in States like Bihar and West Bengal.

(c) The whole matter pertaining to Coimbatore bomb blasts is under investigation by a Commission of Inquiry.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The Central Government after taking note of the ground level situation in Tamil Nadu has carefully emphasised on certain remedial measure such as relentless drive against fundamentalist and terrorist elements, optimum use of intelligence machinery, as definite Action Plan against the potential trouble makers, pursuing of confidence building measures more vigorously etc. Follow-up actions on these lines have been initiated by the State Government.

Prevention of Hijacking and Bombings

3081. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce and develop sensing technologies to prevent hijacking and bombings;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) other gadgets proposed to be developed and used for detecting potential terrorist activities?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected.

Reviewing TADA cases

3082. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to the Unstarred Question 1542 given in the Rajya Sabha on 10th June, 1998 and state:

(a) whether TADA provisions were dropped against deteneus during the last two years in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how many TADA cases are yet to be reviewed in the States of Jammu and Kashmir, Gujarat and Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per available information TADA provisions have been dropped against as many as 23,862 persons all over the country subsequent to detailed review carried out by State Review Committees on TADA cases. State-wise break-up is as follows:

State	No. of persons against whom TADA provisions dropped
Andhra Pradesh	10,378
Assam	754
Gujarat	10,827
Haryana	158
Karnataka	51
Maharashtra	684
Madhya Pradesh	449
Manipur	110

State	No. of persons against whom TADA provisions dropped
Punjab	216
Uttar Pradesh	4
Chandigarh	8
NCT of Delhi	223

(c) As per available information, all the TADA cases in the States of Jammu And Kashmir, Gujarat and Maharashtra have been reviewed by the State level Review Committees.

Witch Hunt against Immigrants

3083. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Witch hunt against immigrants ruled out" appearing in "The Pioneer" dated 15th June, 1998;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereof;

(c) whether Government have decided to register all citizens and non-citizens of the country with provision of computerised coded Identity Cards equivalent to work permit;

(d) if not, what is the exact proposal;

(e) whether the proposal offering residential status to non-citizens without the right to vote would violate Assam Accord; and

(f) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal of compulsory registration of all citizens/ non-citizens residing in the country and to issue Identity Cards to all citizens of 14 years and above. The details in this regard are being worked out.

In addition, persons below 14 years are proposed to be compulsorily registered under the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969.

(e) and (f) The Government will give due consideration to this issue while finalising the proposal.

Bomb blasts in North-East region

3084. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of instances of bomb blasts in the North-East region during the last six months;

(b) the estimated damage of life and property in these bomb blasts;

(c) how many people have so far been arrested for these bomb blasts; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by Government to protect the life and property of the people of North-East region?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) There have been twenty cases of bomb blast in the North-East region during the last six months in which two persons were killed and some others received injuries. Damage to property includes damage to one Railway bridge and four road bridges on National Highways in Assam. The details of people arrested for these blasts are not readily available.

(d) The steps taken to curb insurgency in the North-East include, inter-alia, deployment of additional units of Central Para Military Forces and the Army, improved coordination and sharing of intelligence, modernisation/upgradation of State Police Forces, declaration of the most seriously affected areas as 'disturbed areas' and notification of the major insurgent groups as 'unlawful associations'. The situation is also kept under watch and is reviewed from time to time.